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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/03/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 06/26/04
BRO-FRY	166,246	174,174
LT HENS	1,523	1,549
HVY HENS	1,448	1,512

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 26-Jun-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	253	0	253
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	150	3	153
SAME WEEK YR AGO	121	0	121
TO-DATE/2004	6,082	72	6,154
TO-DATE/2003	6,412	96	6,508

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,709	1,449	3,158
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,701	1,444	3,145
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,595	1,544	3,139
TO-DATE/2004	39,327	32,484	71,811
TO-DATE/2003	48,101	34,281	82,382

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 26-Jun-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	162,023	1,456	1,449	2,905
AVG WT	5.35	3.37	8.19	5.77
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	155,804	1,551	1,441	2,992
SAME WK YR AGO	165,296	1,474	1,544	3,018
AVG WT	5.37	3.62	8.11	5.92
TO-DATE/2004	3,871,440	33,245	32,412	65,657
TO-DATE/2003	3,822,430	41,689	34,185	75,874

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 164.0 million head or 0.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-June-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	26,658	21,105	46,488
Avg Weight	3.81	4.78	6.36
% of total /1	28%	22%	49%
Last week	30,178	20,848	48,037
Avg Weight	3.65	4.81	6.49
% of total /1	30%	21%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,595	20,694	53,856
Avg Weight	3.83	4.71	6.77
% of total /1	28%	20%	52%
To date/2004	638,064	518,778	1,077,989
To date/2003	596,261	560,768	1,109,184

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Jun-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,729	2,743	46	2	4,520
AVG WT	15.95	36.74	24.17	50.34	28.67
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,697	2,708	41	6	4,452
SAME WK YR AGO	2,086	2,981	51	9	5,127
AVG WT	16.33	35.92	24.98	28.87	27.83
TO-DATE/2004	42,795	62,659	1,119	168	106,741
TO-DATE/2003	45,871	68,539	1,577	371	116,358

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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